

**BEACON FALLS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MONTHLY MEETING  
JUNE 17, 2013**

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

J. Rodorigo called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:10 PM.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: J. Rodorigo, B. Egan, D. Sorrentino, S. Ruhl (7:13 PM), J. DeGennaro

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: A. Sirowich, S. Osowiecki

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

**MINUTES**

**B. Egan made a motion to approve the May, 2013 meeting minutes, as presented. D. Sorrentino seconded the motion. All ayes.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. MATTHIES PARK**

1. The Eagle Scout project at Matthies Park for Donald Ferretti from Troop 104 is progressing. The covered bridge should be built by the end of July.
2. A \$400 DEEP permit was taken out for the treatment and water shield of the pond and we will follow the recommendations of CT Pond Services for treatment.
3. J. DeGennaro asked if you can swim in Carrington Pond and J. Rodorigo explained that the waters are tested annually and it is clean. Although the water is fine, there are liability issues and dredging issues which prevent swimming.

**B. PENT ROAD**

1. The Family Day Fireworks celebration will take place on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. The fireworks have been paid for out of the 2012-2013 budget. A. Sirowich needs to contact the buses for this event.
2. The ball fields are in good shape, being well-maintained and they continue to be well-utilized.

**C. RIVERBEND PARK**

There was a response from the State on the Riverbend grant confirming that it has been approved and we are still on the top of the list for disbursements. We are still awaiting the funds.

**D. SPORTS LEAGUES**

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J. Rodorigo spoke to both League presidents and the Baseball and Softball Leagues regular seasons end this week. There is a year-end picnic on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Pent Road.

**E. PARK ACTIVITIES**

1. J. DeGennaro reported that the swim class on July 8-12 will run. The lessons for the first week of July may be cancelled due to lack of sign-ups. The LEGO class may not run due to lack of sign-ups. Tennis lessons will run for up to 4 weeks and Volleyball camp will run in August.
2. J. DeGennaro proposed a Zumbatomics class to run at the Woodland cafeteria from July 8-12 for ages 5-14. She is also looking into an afternoon of Stand-Up Paddleboard rentals and lessons for ages 15 and up. The rental would be \$35 and a lesson/rental would be \$55. She is looking to schedule it for the weekend of July 13-14 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.
3. D. Sorrentino and J. Rodorigo have been working on the Cardboard Boat Regatta, which will take place on July 6<sup>th</sup>, the morning of the fireworks. Right now, D. Sorrentino only has 2 teams signed up, but we will see what happens. The Canoe/Kayak will also take place the same day from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. There is no charge for these events.
4. B. Egan noted that the first concert, the Kenn Morr Band, was well-received. Kenn Morr band liked the setting in Beacon Falls. The next concert is June 22 – Flashback. Others which are lined up: June 29 – Bristol Fiddlers, July 20 – Angelo, July 27 – Rich Bobinski Orchestra, and August 3 – Common Folk, August 10 – Route 691 and August 17 – Kerry Boys.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Commission received a letter from DEEP asking for participation in a program trying to eliminate the Ash-Borer. The program involves marking 4-8 ash trees which would then attract the insect. Once the insect is rooted in these trees they would be cut down. J. Rodorigo will run the program by the Conservation Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Tom Deegan will be running a Future Hawks Basketball Camp this August at Pent Road for Girls and Boys.
- B. Checks for all Parks & Recreation programs should be made payable to TOWN of BEACON FALLS.

**APPLICATIONS**

Several applications have come in:

- A. Ryan Matthews of the Suzie Foundation wants to do a Kickball Tournament at Pent Road on August 10 and August 11 from noon – 10:00 PM and he expects 99 people with proceeds going to the ALS Foundation.
- B. United Day School has requested the Matthies pavilion for a cook-out on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

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- C. CT Owls Baseball has requested the use of the Pent Road Field #5 for 12 dates. All but one of those dates is acceptable and they have issued a check for the use of the Fields.
- D. Top Dog Baseball Camp wishes to use Fields #1-4 from 8/12 through 8/16 and from 8/19 through 8/23 for a morning camp.
- E. CT Seahawks Summer Travel Softball has requested use of the fields and issued their check.
- F. The commission received a request for the Matthies pavilion for a wedding on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

*All applications will be reviewed and approved, based on availability. There were no objections from the board.*

**GRANTS**

- A. Katharine Matthies Grant application was submitted by the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for a \$20,000 pavilion for Pent Road to be located near Field #1 and the playground area. We will await word on the grant application.
- B. The Riverbend grant is still on hold per the above.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

There are several bills to pay:

- Atlas Fence for repairing the basketball courts
- Allison for Summer Recreation supplies
- Erin for clerk fees
- American Red Cross for the babysitting course
- Little River Power

**S. Ruhl made a motion to pay the bills. D. Sorrentino seconded the motion. All ayes.**

**BUDGET**

J. Roderigo noted that the next Town Meeting on the budget is June 27<sup>th</sup> and the Parks & Recreation line items have not been changed. If the current budget proposal is not approved, there are several Parks & Recreation line items which are in jeopardy of being cut; namely Fireworks, Concerts and the Summer Recreation Program.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

S. Osowiecki's term on the board ends July 1, 2013 and the Commission will need a replacement.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**B.Egan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. S. Ruhl seconded the motion. All ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin A. Schwarz - Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission